

**Idaho State Historical Society
State Historic Preservation Office
Quarterly Report
January – March 2005**

NATIONAL REGISTER

- Tricia continued to process nominations from the October 22nd Review Board meeting held at the INEEL site.

SURVEY AND INVENTORY

- As a result of cultural resource reports submitted, 16,694 acres surveyed at the intensive level and 1,389 acres surveyed at the reconnaissance level have been added to the state inventory. A total of 452 archaeological sites were added to the state inventory and 140 site records were updated.
- Accessions to the Idaho Historic Sites Inventory (IHSI) during the third quarter of the State fiscal year 2005 total 116 properties, 115 of which were bridges. The Historic Sites Registrar is continuing to accession the structures inventoried during the joint, statewide project between the Idaho Transportation Department and Idaho State Historical Society mentioned in the last quarterly report. There remain 124 bridges yet to be accessioned and will likely be finished by the end of the State fiscal year 2005. One additional property was accessioned as a result of a Section 106-related project. For this quarter, the accessions represent an area surveyed of approximately 100 acres (intensive survey). In addition, 262 black and white photographs and 128 color slides accompanying the bridge inventory forms were accessioned and are being archivally stored. There is still a sizeable backlog of property and survey accessions needing to be done from both CLG- and Section 106-related projects.
- As indicated in the last quarterly report, the upgrade of the Idaho Historic Sites Inventory automated database template and the update for the Manual of Instructions for Data Entry (last revised in 2001) was completed this quarter as of March 1, 2005.
- With regard to the automated database, time has also been spent appending (transferring) the historic sites data from the original version of the template into the upgraded template. This will allow for more efficient, quicker navigation of the site forms among other improvements. This project is also expected to be finished by the end of the fiscal year.
- SHPO submitted a grant proposal to the Idaho Transportation Department for \$98,000 in Transportation Enhancement funds to scan and digitize the records of

the Idaho Historic Sites Inventory and National Register site information and produce a GIS layer for the state.

ADMINISTRATION

- The National Conference of SHPOs presented the SHPOs of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington with its *Excellence in Preservation Award* for the Pacific Northwest Preservation Partnership with the National Park Service, State Parks in all three states, and the University of Oregon.
- Ann and Steve attended the annual NCSHPO Board meeting in Washington D.C. in March. They were accompanied by Terri Shorzman, the National Trust Advisor for Idaho. While there, Ann also attended a Grants Manager training session.
- Several meetings were held with Preservation Idaho and other interested parties to discuss the future of the Ada County Courthouse.
- Efforts to pass legislation requiring SHPO review of projects on State property failed for the second time in the House. Thanks go to Steve for all of his work on this difficult undertaking.

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

- Staff conducted site visits to Meridian, Ketchum, and Twin Falls to discuss their FY05 CLG grant projects.
- SHPO staff also conducted a joint meeting with the Ada Co. HPC for all preservation commissions in Treasure Valley.
- Tricia and Ann met with the Ketchum Historic Preservation Commission to discuss survey and registration issues.
- Ken and Ann inspected the Auger Falls property recently acquired by the City of Twin Falls with city staff on February 12. Ken later prepared a scope of work for contractors bidding on a long-term management plan for the property's near-pristine archaeological record.

TAX ACT PROGRAM

- Two Part 1 applications were certified by the National Park Service in February: 539 and 545 F Street, Rupert. This is a potential project involving the old Drift Inn (and annex) and will be the first Tax Act rehab project ever in Rupert/Minidoka County.

- On January 20, Don conducted a Tax Act lecture/overview for Treasure Valley CLG commission members.
- Don conducted several site visits to potential rehab projects including three projects in Boise (Foster's Warehouse, and two residential properties).

PLANNING

- SHPO and MHAFB staff met for their annual conference here in Boise on January 7.
- Don and Suzi are reviewing the draft cultural resources management plan for Mountain Home Air Force Base.
- Don and Tricia met several times with representatives of the New Meadows depot project, a TEA-21 program.
- Don also met with Canyon County Parks & Rec Dept personnel to discuss a possible TEA-21 project for Celebrations Park on the Snake River.
- Much time was spent by the entire SHPO staff on the continuing Ada County Courthouse issue in the legislature.

REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE

- Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 179 projects were reviewed and entered into the database. Seventy-seven properties were evaluated as eligible and 124 properties as not eligible.
- Suzi and Tricia attended meetings in Spokane and at Cataldo Mission to discuss the design and siting of the new visitors' center at Cataldo Mission. The new center will be five times as large as the existing one. The SHPO and the National Park Service are concerned about visual effects the new center may have on the Mission and its site, a property listed as a National Historic Landmark.
- Suzi and Don met several times with Sheri Bowden of Mountain Home AFB regarding continuing cultural resource program activities at the base. Most significant was receiving the draft CRM plan for the base in December.
- Suzi volunteered to serve on the NCSHPO task force to reexamine the BLM's National Programmatic Agreement.
- Don and Suzi continued ongoing discussions with INL cultural resource staff regarding the fast-track activities at the site. In March, Suzi, Don, and Steve

Walker met with Dept of Energy personnel and INL cultural resource managers for our annual meeting. A tour of DOE's archives and library/photography storage facilities was very enlightening. INL's cultural resource program paid ISHS travel expenses.

- Travis completed reviews for 28 ITD projects, nine COE projects, nine cell tower projects, and two Dept. of Lands projects (51 total).
- Mary Anne and Tricia met with Boise NF personnel to review for what seems like the hundredth time the MOA for the No Business Lookout commercial communications plan. We have completed consultation and told the Forest that we will not agree to more changes proposed by the District Ranger and we hope the Forest Supervisor will make the MOA final. Just in...the District Ranger will retire April 30.
- Mary Anne met with personnel from the FHWA-Western Lands Division, the project engineer, and Northwest Archaeological Associates for a 2-day field review of the Salmon River Road project in Riggins. Attendees determined best location for temporary utility poles and visited pithouse sites on the north side of the river.
- Ken met with the Nez Perce THPO and IDFG staff at Myrtle on the lower Clearwater to plan project-related activities at that ancient Nez Perce village site.
- Ken met with the Hells Canyon NRA archaeologist in Enterprise on March 9 to review FERC issues in Hells Canyon.
- On March 10, Ken met with Old Mission State Park staff at Cataldo to review options for avoiding development-related impacts to unmarked graves on the north slope of the mission.
- On March 10, Ken met with IDFG and ISPR staff at Farragut State Park to review impending projects there.
- On March 11, Ken met with Nez Perce National Historic Park staff in Spaulding to arrange for a remote sensing team from the NPS Midwestern Field Office in Lincoln to examine the north slope project area at Cataldo in June.
- On March 14, Ken conferred with the Oregon SHPO and Wallowa-Whitman NF staff regarding FERC-related issues in Hells Canyon.
- Ken inspected and cleared five development-related properties at Farragut SP late in March.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

- Suzi and Tricia attended the Pacific Northwest Preservation Field School meeting in Portland, Oregon, in January. The 2005 Field School will be held at Honeyman State Park in Florence, Oregon, and the 2006 Field School is tentatively planned for North Cascades National Park in northern Washington. Tricia also attended the March meeting in Portland.
- As a representative of NCSHPO, Suzi gave a presentation on SHPO consultation at a meeting on Cultural Resource Management and the Federal fire program held in Salt Lake City in advance of the SAA meetings.
- Suzi attended the annual BPA/Tribes/SHPOs meeting held this year in Spokane. Travel was supported by BPA.
- In March, Travis and Ken collaborated on a poster session titled *Islands in the Stream: Exploring the Structural Ecology of the Aboriginal Fishery along the Middle Snake River* that Travis presented at the 58th Northwest Anthropological Conference in Spokane.
- Don delivered a *Weird and Wacky Historic Sites of Idaho* lecture at Mountain Home AFB in February. This was the inaugural of a new series being organized by Sheri Bowden, Cultural Resources Manager at the base. It was very well received with over 40 people in attendance.
- In March, Suzi gave a presentation on Lewis and Clark to a Presbyterian women's group in Caldwell.
- In February, Suzi conducted training on Section 106 Review and archaeology to representatives of Idaho Dept of Fish and Game and Idaho Dept of Parks and Rec.
- Mary Anne worked with kids from Trailwind School on their archaeology program and presented a talk on what archaeologists really do in the job.
- Mary Anne arranged programs and coordinated Idaho Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month. She was assisted by Sheryl (OLD PEN) with the bulk mail this year.
- Mary Anne participated in Career Day at Linder Elementary School in Meridian.
- Mary Anne attended the Project Archaeology meeting in Salt Lake prior to the SAA. Meeting participants reviewed the new format for the Project Archaeology program that will now be housed at Montana State University. The group planned the upcoming annual workshop in October that will be held at a Dude Ranch in Montana.

- In January, Tricia gave a talk to a local Rotary group on the background of the issues surrounding the old Ada County Courthouse.
- Tricia gave a presentation in Emmett for the Gem County Historical Society.
- Mary Anne organized a session at the Society for American Archaeology annual meetings in Salt Lake City. She co-chaired the session with Randy Thompson from the Caribou-Targhee NF. There was standing room only most of the time. Mary Anne presented a paper entitled: *Underwater Archaeology in Idaho: The Lake Pend Oreille Dugout Canoe*. Ken Reid with co-authors Jason Lyon and Kevin Cannell presented a paper entitled: *Archaeology of the Nez Perce War in Idaho*. There was a total of 12 papers in the session. Tom Green, former Idaho state archaeologist, provided comments as the session discussant.
- Ken arranged to borrow the Copper Creek Clovis point from Dixie Taylor of Homestead for initial analysis and documentation. A second, longer loan is planned for the early summer to have the obsidian from which it is made identified and sourced (initial indications suggest somewhere in the Owyhees). This single artifact nearly doubles the age of known human habitation in Hells Canyon, from about 6000 B.C. to 11,000 B.C.
- Ken conferred with NPS staff in Seattle about NAGPRA-related implications of accepting the Rosenberger collection as a gift to the Society.
- Ken met with Mark Baltes to discuss SHPO/ISHS participation in the Meeker Monument Centennial and the opening of its time capsule in 2006.
- Ken conferred with Three Island SP staff over the coming summer's interpretive program.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY

- Suzi, Ken, and Glenda met with Kevin Cannell who is the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) for the Nez Perce Tribe. The National Park Service recently designated the Nez Perce Tribe as a Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO), the first tribe in Idaho to achieve such status. The meeting initiated discussion about a data sharing agreement with the Tribe. Negotiations are still underway.
- Arrow Rock Architects completed the second phase of the feasibility study to assess conversion of the Trustys Dorm at the Old Penitentiary to an archaeological collection repository. Copies of their draft report were submitted to Ken Reid for review and comment. Staff will meet soon with Ken Swanson and Old Pen staff in order to conduct this review.

- Under the BLM data sharing program, Travis has been checking digital data against observations recorded for linear sites, i.e. historic roads/routes, wagon trails (other than Oregon Trail), etc., for accuracy and adding additional attribute information to the associated tables. He is also working on metadata for the Lewis and Clark shapefiles produced by Steve Russell.
- Mary Anne participated in the USFS Region 4 Heritage meetings in Las Vegas which also included personnel from the Nevada and Utah SHPOs. Bruce Ellis from Utah and Steve Matz from the Salmon-Challis NF have completed a report format in the USFS INFRA database that will allow Idaho forests to prepare the Idaho state site form from INFRA.
- Mary Anne participated in a symposium entitled: *Archaeology in the 21st Century: Current Issues Affecting the Field*. The panel consisted of representatives from the Idaho, Oregon, and Washington SHPOs, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs, Oregon State University, Washington State Parks, and Federal Highways.

GIFTS AND DONATIONS

- Trustee Place made another generous donation to the Archaeological Survey of Idaho!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 16, 2005—Commemoration of the death of Jean Baptist Charbonneau, Jordan Valley, Oregon
- May 2005 -Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month
- October 2005- Idaho Archaeological Society Annual Conference, Albertson's College, Caldwell.

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